

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The present amendment cancels claims 7 and 9, and amends claims 1, 12 and 13.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of now cancelled claims 7 and 9. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to depend on claim 1.

Support for these amendments is provided by the originally filed claims and specification.

It is believed that these amendments have not resulted in the introduction of new matter.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 10-14 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 7 and 9 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 12 and 13 have been amended.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of: (1) claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12 and 14 as being obvious over Meyer (U.S. Patent 4,863,487); and (2) claims 1-3, 6-8 and 12-14 as being obvious over Meyer in view of Tiffany (U.S. Patent 5,789,356), are obviated by amendment, which incorporates the limitation of claim 9 into amended claim 1. As acknowledged in the Official Action, Meyer and Tiffany fail to disclose or suggest that the lubricant additive of the present invention is for driving systems, as presently claimed. Therefore, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of: (1) claims 1-6, 8 and 9 as being obvious over Goodwine (U.S. Patent 3,405,065); and (2) claims 1-6 and 8-11 as being obvious over Tipton (U.S. Patent 6,133,210), are obviated by amendment, which incorporates the limitation of claim 7 into amended claim 1. As acknowledged in the Official Action, Goodwine and Tipton fail to disclose or suggest that the lubricant additive of the present invention further comprises the succinimide compound or the boronization product thereof (B), as presently claimed. Therefore, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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